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Administration thinking outside the box on homelessness

By Ken Hupp - 67AM KPUA News

Lieutenant Governor James "Duke" Aiona today said the administration is providing strong leadership in addressing Hawai'i's homeless issue. Governor Linda Lingle has called for creation of a partnership between the government, private sector and nonprofit organizations to develop a six-year plan to address chronic homelessness and the lack of affordable housing. During the Governor's weekly radio show, heard live on KPUA, Aiona described Lingle's plan as a refreshing approach to a growing problem.



"People have always felt that its just a County issue, a local issue, and communities should take care of it themselves," Aiona said. "She's basically got the ball rolling in a fast way in regards to bringing together a group of developers, service providers and some of our state agencies to address this problem."

Lingle met this week with developers, bankers and social workers involved in the effort to fast-track construction of 17-thousand subsidized rental housing units on state land in urban areas over the next five years. Participants assigned a team to come back in two weeks with ideas on

creating a one-stop shop for people wanting to develop subsidized housing.

The program was developed to provide rentals for lower-income working families in the face of soaring housing prices and rents. Lingle's office says the state has nearly six-thousand homeless people, 45 percent of whom are on the neighbor islands.

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